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Forestry Help for the Minority Landowner



Courtesy Georgia Forestry Commission

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Why Manage Your Woodland?

- To put more dollars in your pocket.
- To protect your land.
- To make your land more productive.

Is Financial Help Available?

YES! Federal and State programs may pay up to 75 percent or more of the costs of planting trees and improving timber stands on your land.

A paper or lumber company in your area may offer some financial assistance for forestry practices.

What Programs are Available?

Federal

Forestry Incentives Program (FIP)—A program primarily for increasing timber production.

Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP)—A program that includes tree plant-



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ing and woodland improvement primarily for conservation purposes.

State

State Cost Share Programs—A few States have established their own cost share programs for tree planting and timber stand improvement.

Technical Assistance—Information on how to do the work is furnished free or at a nominal cost by the State Foresters. No cost share funds.

Industry

Some large paper and lumber companies provide technical assistance to landowners.

Do You Qualify?

You can qualify if you:

- Are a private landowner (check individual programs for specific requirements and limitations).



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- Own land that meets minimum productivity requirements (where required) and is suitable for reforestation or timber stand improvement work.

Some Things a Professional Forester Can Do For You

- Prepare a plan to help you improve your woodland.
- Show you how to plant and improve a stand of trees.
- Select which trees to cut and to leave.
- Help you sell your timber products.
- Help you apply for cost share programs.
- Help you locate other types of technical assistance to help you do a better job of managing your land.

How You and America Benefit

- Your land is put to productive use.
- Costs are shared by you and government agencies.



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- Your woodland provides needed timber—a profit for you.
- Trees protect your land from wind and water runoff damage, and help keep streams and lakes clean.
- Woodlands provide food and shelter for a variety of wildlife.

Where To Go For Help

Contact:

- The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office (ASCS).
- The State Forester.
- The State Extension Office.
- Consulting Foresters.
- Forest Industry Offices.
- The Soil Conservation Service Office (SCS).

Note: Most Federal and State agencies have county offices—check your local phone book.

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